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To Whom:

As a West End neighbor of both Douglas Glanville and Representative Matt Ritter, and as someone who is very troubled by incidents of police overreach that result in unfair treatment of people of color in Hartford and across this nation, I write to express my support of HB 6863.

As representative Ritter states, "Neither the spirit of the bill, nor the bill as written, impedes police officers from pursuing investigations, misdemeanors or felonies. "There is a collective nature of enforcing the law, an effort where region-wide collaboration is necessary to maintain law enforcement's ability to do good work when a serious crime is involved. At times, judicious and expeditious inter-district cooperation is imperative. This is important to understand. However, these efforts do not need to spill into the enforcement of municipal law outside one's municipality" and especially when the result might be a troubling appearance of racial stereotyping.

I urge support of HB 6863.

Sincerely,

JoAnne Bauer